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MEMORANDUM FOR : Captain Martin D. Carmody, USN
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SUBJECT : Accident Investigation Procedures for WHALE TALE/TWO

1. It has suddenly occurred to me that it might be a good idea to suggest to you that you may want to think about the possibility of in some way altering what may be the Navy's normal accident investigation procedures in the event of injury, death, or damage sustained to aircraft and/or personnel in the course of the WHALE TALE/TWO exercise.

2. This suggestion is prompted by the rather awesome set of bureaucratic procedures that are almost immediately launched within the Air Force by DFSR when someone blows a tire or has an accident of any kind. Perhaps this sort of thing is susceptible of control by Captain Craven without reference to any outside jurisdictions, but maybe not. I do not, of course, argue that there should be no investigation of the accident, when and if it occurs, but it seems to me that the procedure should be altered so that normal distribution of the reports, as well as the composition of the investigating body, be controlled fairly carefully. Let me have your thoughts on this.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY)

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